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Secretary of State's Office Establishes Phone Bank for Voters Heading to the Polls on March 14

New Voter Identification Requirements Could Affect Unsuspecting Voters

PHOENIX (March 6, 2006)— Secretary of State (SOS) Jan Brewer recently announced that her office will set up a live phone bank three consecutive days leading up to the March 14 elections along with election day. The March elections are the first large scale elections impacted by the new voter identification requirements passed by voters in 2004 as part of Proposition 200.

The “Know Before You Go” phone bank is a resource for voters before they head to the polls and will help ensure that individuals arrive at their polling site with the correct form of identification. The phone bank will be staffed from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 9; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 10; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 13; and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 14. Voters can call 1-877-THE-VOTE toll-free, and speak to SOS staff about what type of identification they should bring to the polls on March 14.

“We want to make sure that all voters bring the proper identification with them to the polls on Tuesday,” said Secretary of State Jan Brewer. “This phone bank will serve as a valuable resource to the voters.”

In 2004, Arizonans passed Proposition 200, making it necessary for voters to show proof of identification before receiving a ballot at their polling place. There are many acceptable forms of identification that a voter may present to receive a ballot including one *with* photo, or two *non-photo* forms of identification. Specific forms of identification allowed include:

Photo Identification (one form needed):

- Valid Arizona driver's license that reflects the name and address on the 'voting signature roster'
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license that reflects the name and address on the 'voting signature roster'
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government-issued identification

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Non-Photo Identification (two forms needed):

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone, or cable television
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration
- Tribal census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government-issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the county recorder

Although, the “Know Before You Go” live phone bank is expected to be accessed mostly by individuals in cities and towns that will have elections on March 14, any voter interested in finding out more about voter identification requirements can call the toll-free number any time. Voters can also visit the Secretary of State’s website at www.azsos.gov.